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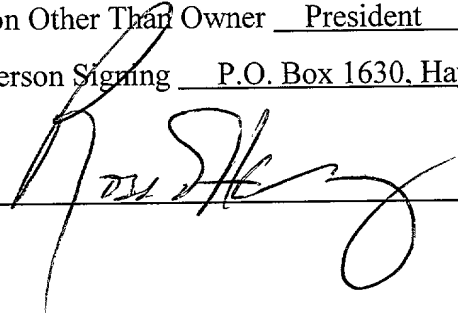
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**GOLF CLUB SET**

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## Field of the Invention

This invention pertains to golf clubs, and in particular to a set of golf clubs having an increased range of club lengths.

## Background

A standard prior-art set of golf clubs typically includes a set of irons, as well as woods. The irons are typically numbered starting with 1 and increasing through 9, although many sets of golf clubs do not include a 1-iron or a 2-iron as standard. Also, many sets include only the odd numbered irons. Typically included with the irons are a pitching wedge, which follows the 9-iron, at least one sand wedge, which follows the pitching wedge, and a lob wedge, which follows the sand wedge(s). Of course, not all club sets include every listed club.

The golf clubs in a prior art set are differentiated from one another by the club length between adjacently numbered clubs of one-half inch or less. That is, as the number of the golf club gets higher, the length of the club gets shorter. Further, as the club number gets higher, the weight of the golf club head increases, and the lie angle of the club increases. The lie angle of prior art golf clubs increases by one-half of a degree between adjacent clubs. For example, a 5-iron has a lie angle of 61 degrees, while a 6-iron has a lie angle of 61.5 degrees. However, due to the difficulty of manufacturing a one-half degree lie angle, some manufacturers will only increase the lie-angle on every other club, in which case the increase is one degree on alternating clubs. For example, a 5-iron will have a lie angle of 61 degrees, a 6-iron will also have a lie angle of 61 degrees, while a 7-iron will have a lie angle of 62 degrees.

## Summary of the Invention

A set of golf clubs having a club length variance between adjacent clubs in the set of greater than about 0.6 inches (15.24 mm), and preferably about 0.75 inches (19 mm). The club

length and lie angle of the 9-iron can be approximately equivalent to the club length and lie angle of a prior art 9-iron. For a first standard set of clubs, the 1-iron has an exemplary club length of approximately 41.5 inches (105.4 mm), while the 9-iron has an exemplary club length of approximately 35.5 inches (90.17 mm). Preferably, the lie angle varies between adjacent clubs in the set by greater than about 0.6 degrees, and preferably by about 0.75 degrees. The 1-iron has an exemplary lie angle of approximately 57 degrees, while the 9-iron has an exemplary lie angle of approximately 63 degrees.

Preferably, the golf club set of the present invention further includes a club head weight variance between adjacent clubs in the set of approximately 8 or more grams, and preferably about 9 grams or more.

## **Brief Description of the Drawings**

Fig. 1 is a drawing of a 5-iron golf club from a set of clubs of the present invention, showing the club length and lie angle of the club.

Fig. 2 is a drawing of a 5-iron and a 4-iron from a set of golf clubs in accordance with the present invention.

Fig. 3 is a drawing of a 5-iron and a 6-iron from a set of golf clubs in accordance with the present invention.

## **Description of Preferred Embodiments of the Invention**

Prior art sets of golf clubs have a standard club length variance of about 0.5 inches (12.2 mm) or less between adjacent clubs in the set, and a lie angle variance of about 0.5 degrees between adjacent clubs. Alternately, prior art golf club sets can have a lie angle variance of about 1 degree between every other club in the set, with no lie angle variance between alternating adjacent clubs, as described more fully above. Additionally, prior art golf clubs have

1 a head weight difference of about 6 to 7 grams between adjacent clubs. By “adjacent clubs” or  
2 “adjacently sequenced golf clubs” I mean the clubs that are normally in immediate, sequential  
3 series with one another in a set of golf clubs. For example, the adjacent clubs to a 5-iron are the  
4 4-iron and the 6-iron. A first standard full set of golf clubs typically includes sequentially  
5 adjacent numbered irons 1 through 9, continuing with a respective sequentially adjacent pitching  
6 wedge or wedges, a sand wedge, and a lob wedge. Sets of clubs less than a full set typically  
7 include alternating sequentially clubs, for example, irons 3, 5, 7 and 9, and may exclude or more  
8 of the clubs following the 9-iron, such as the lob wedge and a second pitching wedge.

9 I have found that by increasing the club length variance between adjacent clubs in a set of  
10 golf clubs, a golfer’s performance can be improved. The invention thus includes a set of golf  
11 clubs having a greater range of club lengths than prior art golf club sets. The club lengths of a  
12 set of golf clubs of the present invention generally vary by greater than about 0.6 inches (15.24  
13 mm) between adjacent clubs in the set. Preferably, the club lengths generally vary by between  
14 about 0.6 inches (15.24 mm) and 1 inch (25.4 mm) between adjacent clubs in the set. More  
15 preferably, the club lengths vary by about 0.75 inches (19.05 mm) between adjacent clubs in the  
16 set. A set of golf clubs in accordance with the present invention can be further advantageously  
17 provided with a greater variance in club head weights between adjacent golf clubs over the prior  
18 art, as described more fully below. In addition, a set of golf clubs in accordance with the present  
19 invention can be further advantageously provided with a greater variance in lie angles between  
20 adjacent golf clubs over the prior art, as also described more fully below. In the preferred  
21 embodiment, a set of golf clubs in accordance with the present invention includes all three of  
22 these aspects, although the invention is not to be limited to such an embodiment.

23 The set of clubs in accordance with the present invention can include alternating  
24 sequential adjacent clubs as well. When the set of clubs includes alternating sequential adjacent  
25 clubs, the club lengths vary by greater than about 1.2 inches (30.4 mm) between alternating

1 sequential adjacent clubs in the set. Preferably, the club lengths generally vary by between about  
2 1.2 inches (30.424 mm) and 2 inches (50.8 mm) between alternating sequential adjacent clubs in  
3 the set. More preferably, the club lengths vary by about 1.5 inches (38.1 mm) between  
4 alternating sequential adjacent clubs in the set.

5 The set of golf clubs in accordance with the present invention also preferably has a  
6 greater range of lie angles than prior art golf sets to account for the greater range of club lengths.  
7 The lie angle in the set of golf clubs of the present invention varies by greater than about 0.6  
8 degrees between immediately adjacent clubs in the set. Preferably, the lie angle varies between  
9 about 0.6 degrees and 1 degree between immediately adjacent clubs in the set. More preferably,  
10 the lie angle varies by about 0.75 degrees between immediately adjacent clubs in the set.

11 When the set of clubs includes alternating sequential adjacent clubs, the lie angles vary  
12 by greater than about 1.2 degrees between alternating sequential adjacent clubs in the set.  
13 Preferably, the lie angles generally vary by between about 1.2 degrees and 2 degrees between  
14 alternating sequential adjacent clubs in the set. More preferably, the lie angles vary by about 1.5  
15 degrees between alternating sequential adjacent clubs in the set.

16 The set of golf clubs in accordance with the present invention more preferably has a  
17 greater club head weight difference between immediately adjacent clubs in the set than prior art  
18 golf club sets to account for the greater range of club lengths. The difference in club head  
19 weight of between immediately adjacent clubs in the set golf clubs of the present invention is  
20 approximately 8 or more grams, and preferably about 9 grams or more. A first set of golf clubs  
21 in accordance with the present invention has a head weight variance between adjacent clubs in  
22 the set of approximately 9 grams. A second set of golf clubs in accordance with the present  
23 invention has a head weight variance between adjacent clubs of approximately 10 grams, while a  
24 third set of clubs in accordance with the present invention has a head weigh variance of  
25 approximately 11 grams between adjacent clubs.



Turning to Fig. 1, a 5-iron 10 from a set of golf clubs in accordance with the present invention is shown. The club length is defined as the length  $L_2$  from the ground to the end 17 of the shaft 12 with the club lying in its natural position, which is determined by the geometry of the club head 16 and the sole 18. The club length does not include the end-cap 20. The lie angle  $\theta$  is defined as the angle between the centerline of the shaft 12 and a vertical line N. The difference between a golf club from a set of clubs in accordance with the present invention and a prior art golf club is also depicted in Fig. 1. The length  $L_2$  of the 5-iron 10 of the present invention is 38.5 inches (97.8 mm), as compared to the length  $L_3$  of a prior art 5-iron, which is 37.5 inches (95.3 mm) for a comparable set of golf clubs. Further, the lie angle  $\theta_1$  of the 5-iron 10 is 60 degrees, compared to the lie angle  $\theta_2$  of a prior art 5-iron art, which is 61 degrees.

The difference between adjacent golf clubs in a set of clubs in accordance with the present invention is shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Fig. 2 depicts exemplary golf clubs of the present invention comprising a 4-iron 40 and a 5-iron 50. The 4-iron 40 has a club length  $L_4$  of 39.25 inches (99.7 mm), while the 5-iron 50 has a club length  $L_5$  of 38.5 inches (97.8 mm). In addition, the 4-iron has a lie-angle  $\theta_2$  of 59.25 degrees, and the 5-iron has a lie angle  $\theta_3$  of 60 degrees. By comparison, a prior art 4-iron has a club length of 38 inches (96.5 mm) and a lie angle of 60.5 degrees, while a prior art 5-iron has a club length of 37.5 inches (95.25mm) and a lie angle of 61 degrees.

Fig. 3 depicts exemplary golf clubs of the present invention comprising the 5-iron 50 of Fig. 3, and a 6-iron 60. The dimensions of the 5-iron are given above. The 6-iron 60 has a club length  $L_6$  of 37.75 inches (95.9 mm) and a lie-angle  $\theta_4$  of 60.75 degrees. By comparison, a prior art 6-iron has a club length of 37 inches (94.0 mm) and a lie angle of 61.5 degrees.

A set of golf clubs in accordance with the present invention can comprise a pitching wedge which is adjacent in series to the 9-iron, as well as a first sand-wedge, such that the adjacent clubs in the set comprise an 8-iron, a 9-iron, a pitching wedge, and a first sand wedge.

1 The set of clubs can further include a second sand wedge and a lob wedge, in sequence following  
2 the first sand wedge, as indicated in Table I. Preferably, there is no club length difference  
3 between the 9-iron, the pitching wedge and the first sand wedge, and the lie angle and head  
4 weight of the three clubs are the same. However, the pitching wedge has a greater loft to the  
5 face of the club than does the 9-iron by about 4 degrees. Likewise, the first sand wedge has a  
6 greater loft to the face of the club head than the does pitching wedge by about 4 degrees. This is  
7 indicated in Table II.

8 The second sand wedge and the lob wedge have shaft lengths shorter than the 9-iron  
9 through first sand wedge by about 0.5 inches (12.9 mm). The lie angles of the second sand  
10 wedge and the lob wedge are greater by about 0.6 degrees greater than the lie angles of the 9-iron  
11 through first sand wedge, and more preferably by about 0.75 degrees. Further, the club head  
12 weights of the second sand wedge and the lob wedge are greater than the head weights of the 9-  
13 iron through the first sand wedge by about 10 grams. Preferably, there is no club length  
14 difference between the second sand wedge and the lob, and the lie angle and head weight of the  
15 two clubs are the same. However, the second sand wedge has a greater loft to the face of the  
16 club than does the first sand wedge by about 4 degrees, and the lob wedge has a greater loft to  
17 the face of the club than does the second sand wedge also by about 4 degrees. Table II indicates  
18 these differences and similarities between the 9-iron through the lob wedge in a set of clubs of  
19 the present invention. Thus, in a complete set of clubs in accordance with the present invention,  
20 the variance in club length, lie angle and head weight are not necessarily the same from club to  
21 club, particularly at the short end of the range (i.e., from the 9-iron through the lob wedge).  
22 Accordingly, it is not necessary that all clubs in a set of clubs in accordance with the present  
23 invention have shaft length variances of about 0.75 inches (19.05 mm), or lie angle variances of  
24 about 0.75 degrees, or head weight variances of greater than about 8 grams between adjacent  
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clubs. It is sufficient that only selected adjacent clubs in the set have one or more of these variances.

Certain golfers perform better with a club length that is different than a standard length. Such typically accounts for the height of the golfer – taller golfers requiring longer clubs (“over-sized” or “plus” clubs), while shorter golfers require shorter clubs (“under-sized” or “minus” clubs). However, the club-to-club variation typically remains unchanged. That is, in the prior art, a first non-standard set of golf clubs can have club lengths 1 inch longer than a standard set, yet the variation in length between the clubs in such a non-standard set remains the same. An aspect of the present invention is providing a non-standard set of clubs having club lengths different than a nominal or standard set of golf clubs in accordance with the present invention, but still having a variation in club length between adjacent clubs of greater than about 0.6 inches (15.2 mm), and more preferably a variation in club length between adjacent clubs of about 0.75 inches (19.1 mm).

In addition to having a greater range of club lengths and lie angles than do prior art golf club sets, a set of golf clubs in accordance with the present invention can comprise a greater range of head weights than clubs of the prior art. Prior art golf club heads for irons increase by about 6 grams between adjacent clubs starting with the 1-iron through the 4-iron, and by about 7 grams between adjacent clubs starting with the 5-iron through the 9-iron. A further aspect of the present invention includes increasing the club head weight of adjacent golf clubs in a set of clubs by about 8 grams or more between adjacent clubs. Preferably, the weight is increased across a portion of the range of clubs, starting with the 1-iron through the 9 iron. More preferably, the club head weight is increased by between about 9 grams and 11 grams between adjacent clubs. For example, a prior art 1-iron has a club head weight of about 231 grams, and a prior art 2-iron has a club head weight of about 237 grams. By comparison, a 1-iron and a 2-iron in accordance with the present invention have club head weights of 206 and 217 grams, respectively.

1 It is understood that the club weights given in the above paragraph are exemplary only.  
2 For example, the 1-iron of the present invention can have a club head weight of about 200 grams,  
3 while the 2-iron will have a club head weight of about 211 grams. In either instance, the  
4 variation in club head weight between adjacent clubs in a set of clubs in accordance with the  
5 present invention varies by about 8 grams or more between selected adjacent clubs in the set.  
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### 7 **Example**

8 Tables I and II below give exemplary values for three standard sets of golf clubs in  
9 accordance with the present invention. Table I is a table for a first standard set of clubs including  
10 a 1-iron through a 9-iron, and including a pitching wedge, a first and second sand wedge, and a  
11 lob wedge. Table I compares the shaft lengths, lie angles, and head weight for this first set of  
12 clubs to a prior art set of comparable golf clubs. Table II is a table for a second and third  
13 standard set of clubs including a driver similar to those shown in Table I, except that in the  
14 second set of clubs the head weigh variance between selected clubs is 10 grams, and in the third  
15 set of clubs the head weight variance between selected clubs is 11 grams.

16 It is understood that a set of golf clubs of the present invention does not need to include  
17 all of the clubs in what is generally known to be a complete set of clubs, as represented in the  
18 tables, or that the variances indicated herein must be applied to each and every adjacent club in  
19 the set. A set of golf clubs in accordance with the present invention can include as few as two  
20 golf clubs. Further, it is understood that the exact numerical values shown in the tables are  
21 exemplary only, and that the tables do not reflect over- or under-sized golf club sets, nor the  
22 range of club head weights which may be selected by a particular golfer for a particular club.  
23 The tables do however demonstrate the desirable variation in club length, lie angle, and head  
24 weight between adjacent golf clubs in the set.  
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TABLE I: A FIRST STANDARD SET OF GOLF CLUBS OF THE PRESENT INVENTION,  
AS COMPARED TO A FIRST STANDARD SET OF PRIOR ART GOLF CLUBS

Club No.	Club length inches (mm)	Prior Art Club length inches (mm)	Lie angle (degrees)	Prior art Lie angle (degrees)	Club head Weight (grams)	Prior art Club head weight (gm)
1-iron	41.5 (105.4)	39.5 (100.3)	57	59	208	231
2-iron	40.75 (103.5)	39 (99.1)	57.75	59.5	217	237
3-iron	40 (101.6)	38.5 (97.8)	58.5	60	226	243
4-iron	39.25 (99.7)	38 (96.5)	59.25	60.5	235	249
5-iron	38.5 (97.8)	37.5 (95.3)	60	61	244	256
6-iron	37.75 (95.9)	37 (94.0)	60.75	61.5	253	263
7-iron	37 (94.0)	36.5 (92.7)	61.5	62	262	269
8-iron	36.25 (92.1)	36 (91.4)	62.25	62.5	271	276
9-iron	35.5 (90.2)	35.5 (90.2)	63	63	280	284
Pitching Wedge	35.5 (90.2)	35.5 (90.2)	63	63	280	285
Sand wedge-1	35 (88.9)	35.5 (90.2)	63	63.5	280	296
Sand wedge-2	35 (88.9)	35 (88.9)	63.75		290	
Lob wedge	35 (88.9)	35 (88.9)	63.75		290	

TABLE II: A SECOND AND THIRD STANDARD SET OF GOLF CLUBS OF THE  
PRESENT INVENTION

Club No.	Club length inches (mm)	Lie angle (degrees)	Club head Weight of 2 <sup>nd</sup> set (grams)	Club head Weight of 3 <sup>rd</sup> set (gm)
<b>1-iron</b>	41.5 (105.4)	57	202	200
<b>2-iron</b>	40.75 (103.5)	57.75	215	211
<b>3-iron</b>	40 (101.6)	58.5	225	222
<b>4-iron</b>	39.25 (99.7)	59.25	235	233
<b>5-iron</b>	38.5 (97.8)	60	245	244
<b>6-iron</b>	37.75 (95.9)	60.75	255	255
<b>7-iron</b>	37 (94.0)	61.5	265	266
<b>8-iron</b>	36.25 (92.1)	62.25	275	277
<b>9-iron</b>	35.5 (90.2)	63	285	288
<b>Pitching Wedge</b>	35.5 (90.2)	63	285	288
<b>Sand wedge-1</b>	35 (88.9)	63	285	288
<b>Sand wedge-2</b>	35 (88.9)	63.75	295	299
<b>Lob wedge</b>	35 (88.9)	63.75	295	299

1 While the above invention has been described with particularity to specific embodiments  
2 and examples thereof, it is understood that the invention comprises the general novel concepts  
3 disclosed by the disclosure provided herein, as well as those specific embodiments and  
4 examples.

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1 I claim:

2 1. A set of golf clubs comprising a plurality of adjacently sequenced golf clubs, wherein a  
3 first golf club in the set has a club length at least about 0.6 inches longer than a second adjacent  
4 golf club in the set.

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6 2. The set of golf clubs of claim 1 wherein the first golf club in the set has a club length  
7 between about 0.6 inches and 1 inch longer than the second adjacent golf club in the set.

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9 3. The set of golf clubs of claim 1 wherein the first golf club in the set has a club length of  
10 about 0.75 inches longer than the second adjacent golf club in the set.

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12 4. The set of golf clubs of claim 1 further comprising a third golf club in the set, the first,  
13 second and third golf clubs being respectively sequentially adjacent to one another, and wherein  
14 the second golf club has a club length at least about 0.6 inches longer than the third golf club.

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16 5. The set of golf clubs of claim 1 wherein the first golf club in the set has a lie angle at  
17 least about 0.6 degrees less than the second adjacent golf club in the set.

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19 6. The set of golf clubs of claim 5 wherein the first golf club in the set has a lie angle  
20 between about 0.6 degrees and 1 degree less than the second adjacent golf club in the set.

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22 7. The set of golf clubs of claim 5 wherein the first golf club in the set has a lie angle about  
23 0.75 degrees less than the second adjacent golf club in the set.



1 8. The set of golf clubs of claim 4 wherein the second golf club has a lie angle at least about  
2 0.6 degrees less than the third golf club.

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4 9. The set of golf clubs of claim 8 wherein the second golf club has a lie angle about 0.75  
5 degrees less than the third golf club.

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7 10. The set of golf clubs of claim 1 wherein the first golf club in the set has a club head  
8 weight at least about 8 grams less than the second adjacent golf club in the set.

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10 11. The set of golf clubs of claim 1 wherein the first golf club in the set has a club head  
11 weight between about 8 grams and 12 grams less than the second adjacent golf club in the set.

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13 12. The set of golf clubs of claim 1 wherein the first golf club in the set has a club head  
14 weight of at least about 9 grams less than the second adjacent golf club in the set.

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16 13. The set of golf clubs of claim 8 wherein the second golf club has a club head weight of at  
17 least about 9 grams less than the third golf club.

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19 14. The set of golf clubs of claim 7 wherein the second golf club has a club head weight of at  
20 least about 9 grams less than the third golf club.

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22 15. A set of golf clubs comprising a plurality of alternating sequential adjacent golf clubs,  
23 wherein a first golf club in the set has a club length at least about 1.2 inches longer than a second  
24 alternating sequential adjacent golf club in the set.

1 16. The set of golf clubs of claim 15 wherein the first golf club in the set has a club length  
2 between about 1.2 inches and 2 inch longer than the second alternating sequential adjacent golf  
3 club in the set.

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5 17. The set of golf clubs of claim 15 wherein the first golf club in the set has a club length of  
6 about 1.5 inches longer than the second alternating sequential adjacent golf club in the set.

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8 18. The set of golf clubs of claim 16 wherein the first golf club in the set has a lie angle  
9 between about 1.2 degrees and 2 degrees less than the second alternating sequential adjacent golf  
10 club in the set.

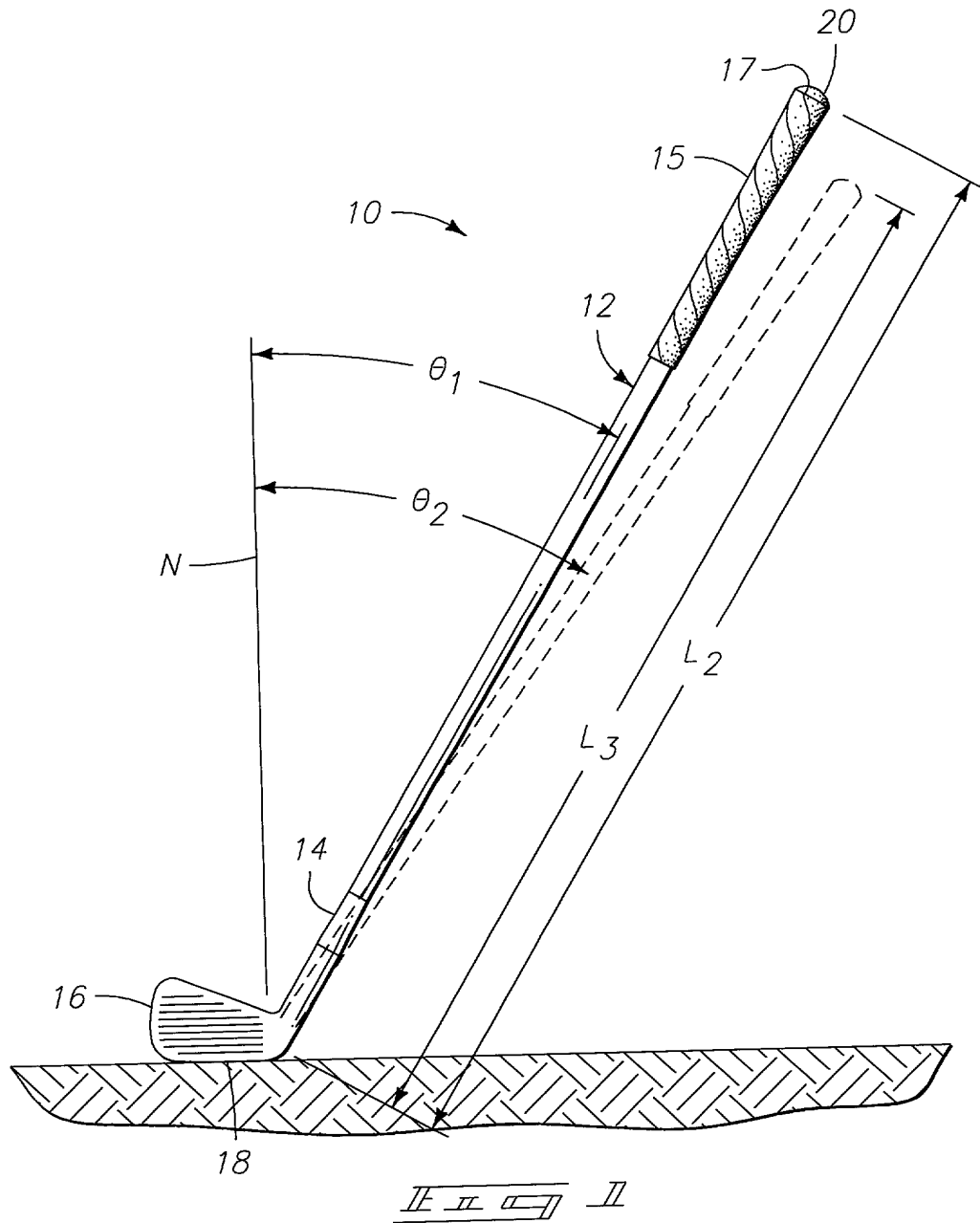
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12 19. The set of golf clubs of claim 17 wherein the first golf club in the set has a lie angle of  
13 about 1.5 degrees less than the second alternating sequential adjacent golf club in the set.

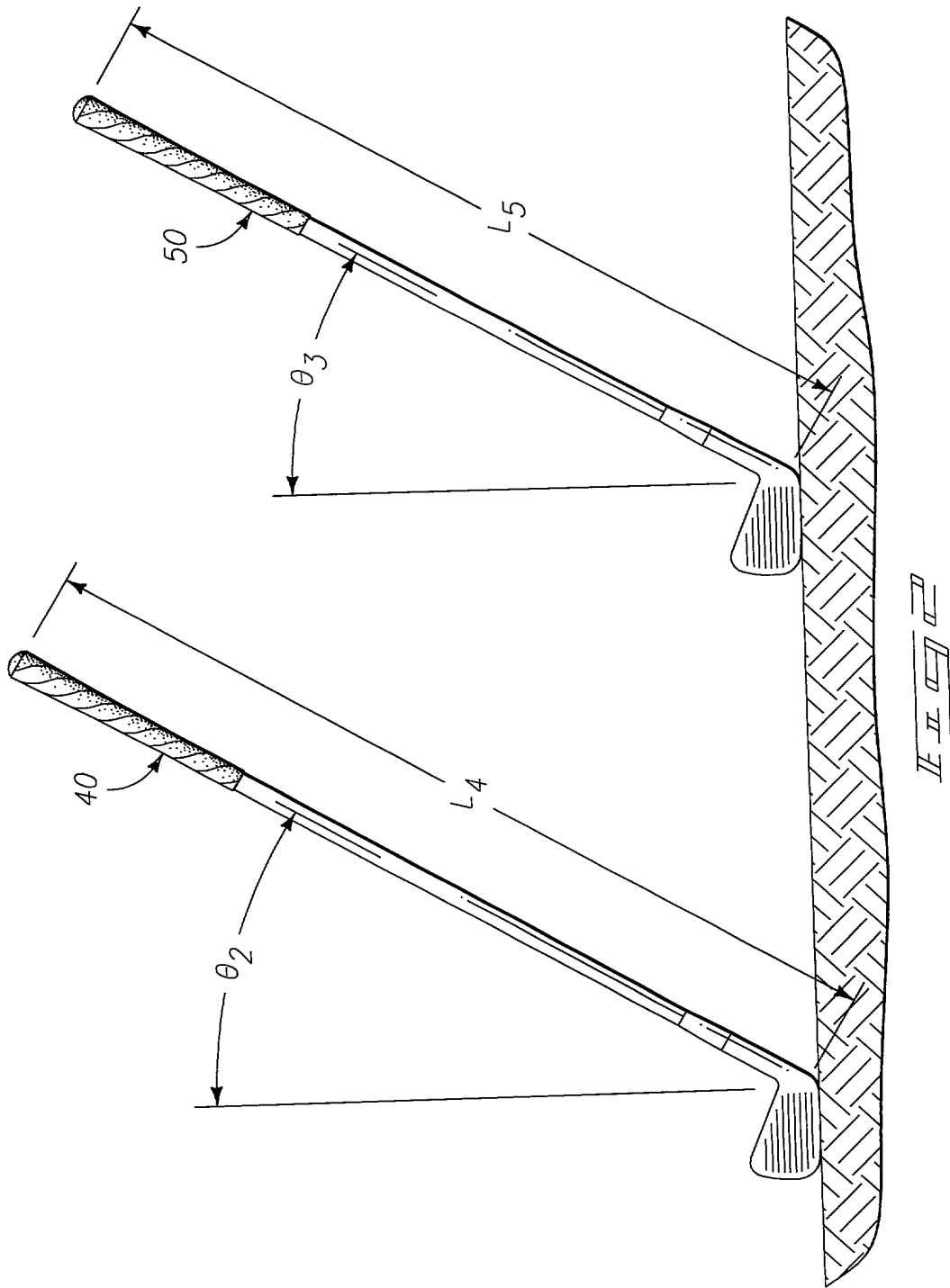
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15 20. The set of golf clubs of claim 16 wherein the first golf club in the set has a club head  
16 weight at least about 16 grams less than the second alternating sequential golf club in the set.

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18 21. The set of golf clubs of claim 18 wherein the first golf club in the set has a club head  
19 weight at least about 16 grams less than the second alternating sequential golf club in the set.

1 ABSTRACT

2 A set of golf clubs wherein the club length varies between adjacent clubs in the set by at  
3 least about 0.6 inches (15.24 mm), and preferably by about 0.75 inches (19 mm). Preferably, the  
4 lie angle between adjacent clubs in the set varies by greater than about 0.6 degrees, and  
5 preferably by about 0.75 degrees. More preferably, the club head weight varies between adjacent  
6 clubs in the set by at least about 8 grams, and preferably by between about 9 grams and 11  
7 grams. The club length and lie angle of the 9-iron can be approximately equivalent to the club  
8 length and lie angle of a prior art 9-iron. For a first standard set of clubs, the 1-iron has an  
9 exemplary club length of approximately 41.5 inches (105.4 mm), and the 9-iron has an  
10 exemplary club length of approximately 35.5 inches (90.17 mm). The 1-iron has an exemplary  
11 lie angle of approximately 57 degrees, while the 9-iron has an exemplary lie angle of  
12 approximately 63 degrees.





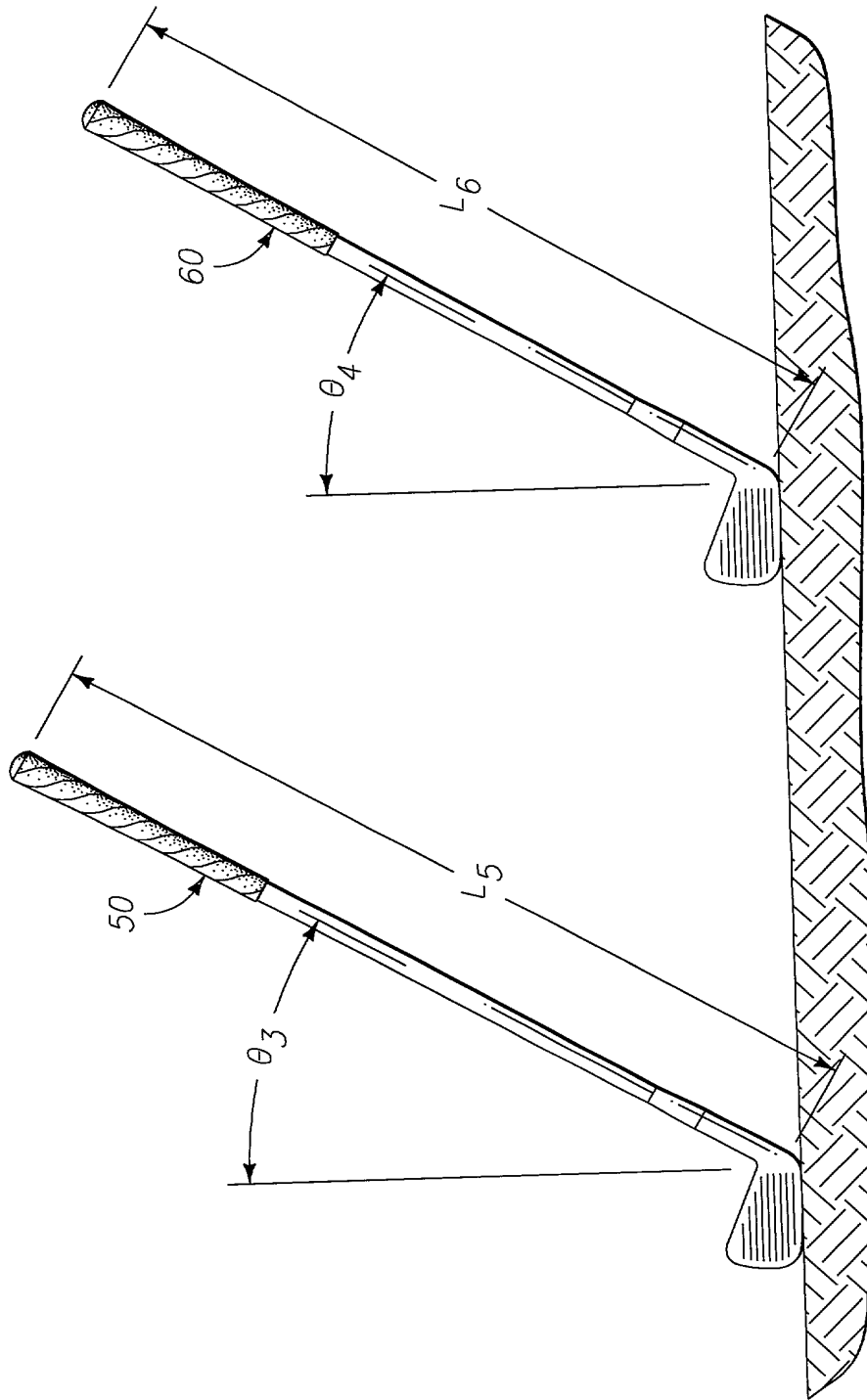


FIG. 3

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